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POST NOMINATES TO PARTICIPATE IN "THE MAKING OF AMERICAN
FOREIGN POLICY: INTERNAL CONSTRAINTS AND POLITICAL REALITIES"
APRIL 17, 1976, REGIONALLY FUNDED GROUP SEMINAR, FOLLOWING
PRINCIPAL AND ALTERNATE CANDIDATES:

1. PRINCIPAL: JOSE MARIA NAVASAL DE MENDIRI, FOREIGN NEWS
EDITOR IN CHIEF "EL MERCURIO", ALSO PARTICIPANT IN SPECIAL
TV PROGRAMS. PDOB: MADRID, SPAIN, JUNE 16, 1916. SPANISH
CITIZEN BUT MARRIED TO CHILEAN AND LIVING IN CHILE SINCE
1938. TRAVELS ABROAD: TO U.S. JUNE/JULY 1974 AND EARLY
1975. OTHER COUNTRIES: HAS TRAVELLED WIDELY IN EUROPE AND
LATIN AMERICA. PREVIOUS U.S. GOVERNMENT GRANT: 1974 -
PARTICIPATED IN COMMUNICATIONS IN THE AMERICAS CONFERENCE,
STANFORD UNIVERSITY AND 15-DAY IV GRANT AFTER END OF
CONFERENCE. ENGLISH: GOOD. NO ESCORT-INTERPRETER REQUIRED.
CLEARED. REASON FOR NOMINATION AND POST OBJECTIVES: IT IS
RECOGNIZED THAT NAVASAL RECEIVED A PARTIAL GRANT IN JUNE
1974 TO ATTEND THE COMMUNICATIONS IN THE AMERICAS CONFERENCE
AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY AND THAT HE ALSO VISITED NEW YORK
ON HIS OWN EARLIER THIS YEAR. HOWEVER, NAVASAL IS THE
RECOGNIZED LEADING COMMENTATOR ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS IN
CHILE AND WELL KNOWN THROUGHOUT LATIN AMERICA. DURING THE
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LAST YEAR, HIS VIEWS AS EXPRESSED IN HIS LEADING EDITORIALS

IN "EL MERCURIO" AND IN HIS NEWS ANALYSES ON TELEVISION ARE INCREASINGLY ANTI-AMERICAN, ESPECIALLY ON THE QUESTION OF DETENTE AND U.S. RELATIONS IN GENERAL WITH COMMUNIST NATIONS. A HIGH-LEVEL SEMINAR OF THIS NATURE COULD GIVE NAVASAL USEFUL EXPOSURE TO THE NEW REALITIES AND CONSTRAINTS WHICH THE ADMINISTRATION MUST CONSIDER IN MAKING FOREIGN POLICY. WE WOULD HOPE THAT HE WOULD GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF DETENTE AND THE PROBLEM OF HUMAN RIGHTS AS SEEN FROM THE U.S. CONGRESSIONAL POINT OF VIEW AS IT AFFECTS OUR RELATIONS WITH CHILE. IN NAVASAL'S TRIPS TO THE U.S. HE HAS NOT RECENTLY HAD THIS NEEDED "OFFICIAL" EXPOSURE AS HE HAS BEEN MEETING WITH HIS OWN CONTACTS, PRIMARILY, IN NEW YORK CITY. (ALSO IT WAS ANNOUNCED DECEMBER 10 THAT THE SPANISH VERSION OF SOLZHENITSYN'S NEW BOOK, "LA CAPITULACION ANTE EL COMUNISMO" WILL BE ON SALE IN CHILE SOON. THIS, APPARENTLY, IS SOLZHENITSYN'S ANALYSIS OF DETENTE WHICH WILL NOT BE HELPFUL TO U.S. POLICY OF DETENTE IN CHILE.)

2. ALTERNATE: ARTURO FONTAINE ALDUNATE, ASSISTANT EDITOR "EL MERCURIO" AND NEXT IN LINE FOR EDITORSHIP. PAST POSITIONS: WORKING FOR "EL MERCURIO" SINCE 1963. BEFORE THAT LAWYER WITH PRIVATE PRACTICE AND COLLABORATOR ON SEVERAL MAGAZINES. PDOB: VINA DEL MAR, CHILE, AUGUST 31, 1921. CHILEAN. TRAVELS ABROAD: HAS TRAVELLED WIDELY IN LATIN AMERICA, EUROPE AND ALSO U.S. PREVIOUS U.S. GOVERNMENT GRANT: IV GRANT IN 1967. ENGLISH: FAIR. ESCORT-INTERPRETER NEEDED. CLEARED. REASON FOR NOMINATION AND POST OBJECTIVES: AS ASSISTANT EDITOR OF "EL MERCURIO" AND NEXT IN LINE FOR THE EDITORSHIP FONTAINE HAS ALREADY BEEN APPROVED BY SECSTATE IN OUR FY-1976 IV NOMINATIONS (SANTIAGO 4683). FONTAINE HAS ACCEPTED AN IV GRANT INVITATION FOR THE SPRING OF 1976. THE TIMING OF THIS SEMINAR SEEMS TO BE IDEA. IF NAVASAL CANNOT ATTEND FOR ANY REASON, FONTAINE WOULD ALSO BE AN EXCELLENT CANDIDATE. POPPER

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